

***What do I do if I have
more questions?***

Contact the Planning Counter. Staff is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays and will be happy to discuss your project with you. The Planning counter is located in the Community and Development Department on the 4th Floor of City Hall, 12725 SW Millikan Way.

The instructions contained within this brochure are not intended to replace the regulations found in the City Development Code (Ord. 2050). Tree removal regulations may be found on the City web site (www.beavertonoregon.gov) or may be obtained at the Planning Counter.

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Tree Removal

What are the different tree categories?

Six (6) different types of trees are recognized by the Beaverton Development Code:

- **Significant Trees/ Groves-** Trees and groves which have been determined to possess distinctive or exceptional characteristics, such as beauty, size, shape, location, natural resource value, etc.
- **Historic Trees/ Groves-** Trees designated by the City to be of historic significance based on their association with historic figures, properties, or the general growth and development of the City.
- **Landscape Trees-** Trees, other than Significant Trees, Historic Trees, or Trees within a Significant Natural Resource Area that have been preserved or planted as a component of an approved landscape plan.
- **Street Trees-** Trees located within the public or private right-of-way or easement for vehicular access, or associated with public utility easements.
- **Trees within a Significant Natural Resource Area (SNRA)-** Trees that are part of the resources identified in Volume III of the Comprehensive Plan as "significant" pursuant to Statewide Planning Goal 5
- **Community Trees-** Healthy trees of at least ten inches (10") DBH located on developed, partially developed, or undeveloped land. Community trees are not those trees identified as significant, historic, street, landscape, or trees within a SNRA.

Do I need a permit to remove trees from my property?

Permit requirements vary, depending on the type and number of trees to be removed. Many trees have been identified throughout the City as resources to be enhanced and protected. In order to be certain that the trees on your property are not protected, please contact the Planning Division. Staff can help you determine what type of permit, if any, will be required for the removal of trees.

How do I apply for a permit?

Tree removal permits may be obtained through the Planning Division of the Community Development Department. A completed application form, the application fees, and the required plans and narratives must be submitted to the Planning Counter in order to start the permit review process. For Tree Plan Two and Tree Plan Three permits, additional steps may be required before you submit for the tree plan permit. If you have questions about the checklist or process, please contact staff at (503) 526-2420.

How do I remove a street tree?

Because of its unique location, a street tree is regulated differently than a tree on private property. Street tree permits may be obtained through the Site Development Division of the Community Development Department. For more information, please contact staff at (503) 526-3724.

The trees I want to remove look hazardous.

Do I still need a permit?

A tree plan permit will not be required as long as the trees have been identified by the City Arborist as hazardous trees AND the City requires the removal of the trees. In order to make this determination, the City Arborist will come out to your property, analyze the trees, and inform you of their status. If the City does not require tree removal, you may be required to obtain a tree plan permit to remove the trees.



Are there any exemptions to the permit requirement?

There are certain situations which do not require a tree plan permit. Those situations include:

1. Removal of up to four (4) community trees within an one (1) calendar year period., if your property is greater than one-half acre in size.
2. Removal of any number of community trees, if your property is less than one-half acre in size AND has a detached dwelling placed on it.
3. Removal of any hazardous tree when the tree is identified as such by the City Arborist **and** removal is required by the City.